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SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Committee Decision

Case No.: 2014-C-44-

Deceased: 

Date of Incident: December 19, 2014

Date of Death: December 19, 2014

Operator: Consol Buchanan Mining
Company, LLC.

Mine: Mine #1

Decision: Not chargeable

In a unanimous decision, the Chargeability Review Committee has determined that the death of [REDACTED] should not be charged to the mining industry. [REDACTED] a 56 year old utility miner, was cleaning and maintaining a belt conveyor when he was discovered face down on the ground. Co-workers began CPR and he was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

The death certificate indicated that the death was due to a cardio-pulmonary arrest with high blood pressure, diabetes mellitus, history of myocardial infarction, and follicular lymphoma as significant medical conditions. An autopsy was not performed. An MSHA inspection at the mine failed to identify any related physical or environmental hazards.

Based on the findings of the death certificate and the MSHA investigation, the committee members concluded that [REDACTED] died due to natural causes and that his death should not be charged to the mining industry.

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